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In re application of : Ryutaro YAMANAKA et al.

Application No. : 10/748,242

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For : PROCESSING UNIT AND PROCESSING METHOD

Mail Stop Amendment

Group Art Unit : 2184

Examiner : Not Yet Assigned

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment and Remarks** in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

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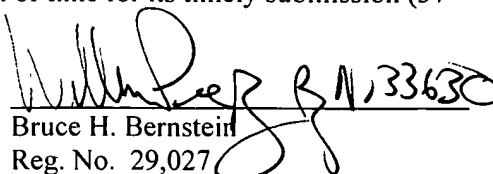
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Sir:

Prior to the Examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as shown below and to consider the herein-contained remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.